

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as shown below. A complete listing of all pending claims is presented.

1. (Correctly Amended) A recording media drive apparatus comprising:

a body;

~~signal writing means for writing a signal to a recording media and/or signal reading means for reading a signal from the recording media, provided within said body; and~~

a front panel, covering the front of said body and having an insertion/removal opening for inserting and removing said recording media to and from said body,

a slider, provided within said body, for inducing an eject motion for ejecting said recording media installed within said body from said insertion/removal opening as a result of pushing from the front, and

an eject button projecting forwards from said front panel and operable to move with said slider, wherein

said front panel is supported in a detachable manner as a result of engagement with said body, and

said engagement is achieved by moving said front panel towards said body, and a force to move said front panel in a direction away from said body acts in a direction releasing said engagement,

said engagement is achieved as a result of causing said eject button to move towards said slider, and a force causing said eject button to move in a direction away from said slider acts in a direction releasing said engagement.

said engagement is achieved by mutual engagement of an engaging hole provided at one of said eject button and said slider and an engaging projection providing at the remaining one of said eject button and said slider, and

an inclined surface is formed at said engaging projection or an edge of an opening of said engaging hole so as to cause said engaging projection or said engaging hole to move in a direction away from said engaging hole or said engaging projection as a result of applying force to cause said eject button to move in a direction away from said slider.

2. (Original) The recording media drive as disclosed in claim 1, wherein

said engagement is achieved by mutual engagement of an engaging hole provided at one of said front panel and said body and an engaging projection provided at the remaining one of said front panel and said body, and

an inclined surface is formed at said engaging projection or at an edge of an opening of said engaging hole so as to cause said engaging projection or said engaging hole to move in a direction away from said engaging hole or said engaging projection as a result of applying force to cause said front panel to move in a direction away from said body.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)